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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Noribumi KOITABASHI, et al. )  
Appln. No.: 09/131,744 )  
Filed: August 10, 1998 )  
For: A RECORDING METHOD )  
Examiner: M. Grendzynski  
Group Art Unit: 1774  
January 10, 2002

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Director, the Commissioner for Patents  
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to further extend the time for response to the final Office Action dated April 10, 2001 from December 10, 2001 to January 10, 2002, a Petition for Extension of Time and Notice of Appeal having been timely filed on October 10, 2001, extending the period for response from July 10, 2001 to December 10, 2001.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$ 110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

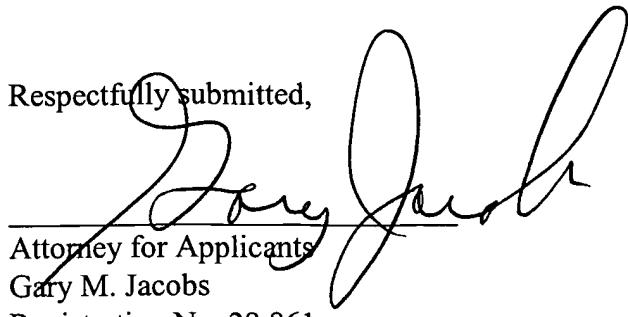
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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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